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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed on April 24, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

An Appendix including amended drawing figures is attached following page 12 of this paper.